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**Re: Docket No. 272;
Supplement to Town of Woodbridge Municipal Consultation Filing**

Dear Attorney Fitzgerald and Attorney Randell:

As you know the Town of Woodbridge is studying alternative routes to the primary overhead route that the Applicants have proposed. Please consider this letter to be a supplement to the Town's municipal consultation comments.

The Town continues to recommend that the best solution would be a regional underground route beneath public roads, in order to minimize the environmental, aesthetic, and health impacts that will otherwise be caused by the Applicants' primary proposal. The Town fully supports an alternative underground route that will spare the greatest number of municipalities as possible from an overhead 345-kV line, and that will meet the requirements of H.B. 5418 (now P.A. 02-246).

The Town is also examining the feasibility of "porpoising" the 345-kV line from a point in Southern Woodbridge, running underground beneath public streets approximately 3-4 miles, until reaching property owned by CL&P near the intersection of Route 63 and Clark Road. It is anticipated

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that the underground route would traverse Northerly from Johnson Road, to Pease Road, then East on Route 114, across Route 63, North on Cedar Road or Route 63, until reaching CL&P' s property.

In addition to studying the burial of a new 345-kV line, the Town is also studying the undergrounding of the existing 115-kV line in light of the recently disclosed EMF figures at sensitive areas along the current overhead route.

Because CL&P owns more than 15 acres near the intersection of Route 63 and Clark Road, the Town believes that area may be a suitable location for a transition station. In the Southern part of Woodbridge, there are two potential locations that may be suitable sites for a transition station. One location is property currently owned by Oak Lane Country Club. A second location consists of approximately 180 acres of property currently owned by the Regional Water Authority in Southern Woodbridge. The Town has a letter of intent to acquire this property, which has been designated as Class III property; it is not a part of the RWA watershed. Discussions are needed to determine the feasibility of locating a transition station on either site.

The Town looks forward to working with the Applicants to pursue better alternatives to the primary proposal.

Very truly yours,

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